



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

January 05, 2022
Renewed

Permit No. QC 806

SPECIAL PERMIT TO SHIP FRESH (FUMIGATED) BLUEBERRIES FROM NEW JERSEY TO CALIFORNIA

Under authority of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), permission is granted to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) to authorize shipments of fresh (fumigated) blueberries grown in and shipped from New Jersey to California, that would otherwise be prohibited by CCR, Section 3266, Plum Curculio and Blueberry Maggot State Exterior Quarantines, under the following conditions:

NJDA will ensure that:

1. Each shipment of blueberries shall have been fumigated with methyl bromide at atmospheric pressure by one of the following schedules:

32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2 hours at 27.7°C (82°F) or above; or

32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2-1/2 hours at 22.2-27.2°C (72-81°F); or

32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3 hours at 16.6-21.6°C (62-71°F); or

32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3-1/2 hours at 10-16.1°C (50-61°F).
2. The fumigation shall be done by applicators that are registered or certified in fumigation pest control.
3. Each fumigation shall be monitored and supervised by an authorized representative of the NJDA.
4. Each shipment of blueberries shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by an authorized representative of the NJDA evidencing compliance with the fumigation requirements of this permit. This certificate also shall state the number of cartons in the shipment and the name and address of the consignee
5. The vehicle transporting each shipment of fumigated blueberries to California shall be sealed at origin under the supervision of an authorized representative of the NJDA. If the blueberries are shipped by air, the plane cargo container need not be sealed, provided an authorized representative of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture stamps each sub



container, verifying the blueberries have been fumigated and certified as required by this permit. The stamp at all times shall be maintained by and under the control of the NJDA.

6. Each shipment of fumigated blueberries shall be subject to inspection by plant quarantine officials in California.

Violation of any of the conditions of this permit, or the detection of any serious live plant pest in any shipment authorized by this permit, shall be sufficient cause for immediate revocation of this permit and destruction of the fruit, or return of the fruit to origin at the expense of the shipper.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through January 31, 2023.

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